April/May 2007

#### Interfaith Music Festival

The Sandy Arts Guild presents the Interfaith Music Festival May 6 at 7 p.m. at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8575 South 700 East in Sandy. Dr. Brady R. Allred, the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Salt Lake Choral Artists, will be the guest conductor. Admission is free. For more information, please call Karla Marsden at 568-6068.



## Maintenance on Residential Sprinkling Systems Information from Sandy City Public Utilities

As warmer weather approaches, several calls have been received from residents of Sandy City who are experiencing leaks in their sprinkling systems from harsh winter conditions and the lack of proper winterizing before winter began. Many times this can be avoided with just a few simple steps in the fall and spring to ensure the system will function properly when needed during the summer months.

Here are some basic guidelines for winterizing and start up of systems as the seasons change.

Once freezing temperatures arrive, it is necessary to winterize all irrigation systems by shutting down the system at the "stop and waste valve" to release pressure in the pipes and drain the water from the system to protect any components that could freeze. Failure to drain the system usually results in broken sprinkler lines and flooded yard areas. The stop and waste valve is generally located on the service line between the water meter and the house. Once the system has been shut down you must drain each sprinkler line. Some systems have drain valves that can be opened to drain the system, or it may be necessary to blow out the system using compressed air. You may wish to consult an irrigation professional for this service. If your system is automated and has an electric controller it needs to be set to the "Off" position for the winter.

When spring arrives inspect the sprinkler system by checking the sprinkler control valves, sprinkler heads and emitters. Make sure they are not cracked or broken. Before charging the system, remove the last sprinkler head in each line or open the drain valve and let the water run for a few minutes to flush out any debris. When the system has been flushed reinstall the sprinkler head or close the drain valve and check the yard for wet spots indicating that a line may be cracked. Once the system has been checked, look at the irrigation controller and set for the proper duration, time and date, and you're ready for summer. As the summer weather warms you may have to reset the station timing to increase watering time and as the weather cools in the fall you can cut back on watering time to conserve water usage.

## Old Timers Day at Sandy Museum

The public is invited to tour the Sandy Museum on Thursday, April 19 from 1 to 5 p.m. located at 8744 South 150 East in historic Sandy. Old Timers Day is an opportunity to meet with friends, learn the history of Sandy and enjoy refreshments. Admission is free. Donations are welcome. Please call 566-0878 or 572-3492 for additional information.

### Sandy Pride Scheduled for May 19

Once again, Sandy City residents are preparing to cleanup, fix-up, beautify and bring about a "Spirit of Pride" in the community. Sandy Pride encourages spirited volunteers, organizations and community groups to participate in this one day of community service. This year the Sandy Exchange Club proclaimed May 19 as "Sandy Pride Day." Sandy Pride has been celebrated for the past twentythree years and continues to attract volunteers throughout the city.

Watch for Sandy Pride bags to be distributed to every home in Sandy by May 19. Sandy Pride is sponsored by the Exchange Club of Sandy, Sandy City and many local businesses.



Residents of all ages volunteer time and energy to make Sandy more beautiful.

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